(*b*) if so, the total number of patients whose names were registered in the waiting list at the time?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Panchakarma Ward in the Hospital of Indigenous Medicine has not been abolished, but the name of the ward has been changed into Ayurveda Ward II.

' (*b*) The question does not arise."

*Harijan students in the Veterinary College of Madras.*

* 1441 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students studying in the Veterinary College, Madras; and

(*b*) the number of Harijans among them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) During 1953–54, 314 students were studying in the Madras Veterinary College for the B.V.Sc. course of which one was a Harijan, and 41 students were studying for the Veterinary and Livestock Inspector's course of which none was a Harijan."

*Assignment of darkhast lands to Harijans in Kasaragod taluk.*

* 1442 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of darkhast petitions received by Government from the Harijans of Kasaragod taluk since 1948 up to 31st December 1953;

(*b*) in how many cases assignments have been made so far; and

(*c*) in how many cases petitions have been rejected?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" (*a*) 1,154.

" (*b*) 168.

" (*c*) 671."

*Closure of handloom co-operative societies in 1953.*

* 1443 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many handloom co-operative societies were closed due to loss in the year 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Only one Handloom Weavers' Society was closed in 1953 due to loss. Six societies were closed due to reasons other than loss in transactions."